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SUMMARY: WE ARE TRANSMITTING HERewith TIDBITS OF
INFORMATION GLEANED FROM OUR REFUSENIK SOURCES ON A
VARIETY OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING THE SHCHARANSKIY CASE, THE
SUNDAY SEMINAR, THE DETENTION OF PETER VINS, CRIMEAN
TATAR LEADER MUSTAPHA DZHEMILIEV AND A STORY OF AN AWARD
REPORTEDLY TO BE GIVEN BY THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
TO THREE HELSINKI GROUP MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

1. SHCHARANSKIY CASE. A BRITISH ATTORNEY, I. FISCH,
WHO WAS IN MOSCOW ON A TOUR, OFFERED TO SERVE AS
SHCHARANSKIY'S LAWYER. HE ACCOMPANIED IDA MILGROM,
SHCHARANSKIY'S MOTHER, TO THE PROCURATOR-GENERAL'S
OFFICE AND TO LEFORTOVO ON JANUARY 13, WHICH WAS
THE DEADLINE MRS. MILGROM HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE KGB
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TO FIND AN ATTORNEY. SOVIET OFFICIALS AT BOTH PLACES
REFUSED TO SPEAK TO HIM, BUT TOLD MRS. MILGROM
THAT A FOREIGN ATTORNEY WAS FORBIDDEN UNDER ARTICLE 47
OF THE SOVIET LEGAL CODE. MRS. MILGROM CHALLENGED
THIS, ARGUING THAT ARTICLE 47 DEMANDS A "PROFESSIONAL"
LAWYER, NOT NECESSARILY A "SOVET" LAWYER. SHE WAS
TOLD THAT IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS PROVIDED THAT

DEFENSE COUNSELS MUST BE SOVIET ATTORNEYS AND DIRECTED TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOVIET JURISTS (KONSTANTIN N. APRAKSIN) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. FISCH WILL TRY TO SEE HIM ON JANUARY 16, BUT DOES NOT EXPECT ANY SATISFACTORY RESPONSE. APRAKSIN, ACCORDING TO MRS. MILGROM, TOLD TWO U.S. ATTORNEYS WHO WERE IN MOSCOW RECENTLY THAT HE HAD ARRANGED FOR HER SON TO BE REPRESENTED BY A KGB-APPROVED ATTORNEY AND HAD TOLD HER SO PERSONALLY. MRS. MILGROM TOLD FISCH THAT BOTH OF THESE STATEMENTS WERE FALSE.

3. THE SOVIET OFFICIAL WHO SAW MRS. MILGROM AT LEFORTOVO TOLD HER THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS NOT YET FINISHED AND DEADLINE FOR HER TO GET AN ATTORNEY HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO JANUARY 25. SHE ASKED TO SEE HER SON ON JANUARY 20, HIS BIRTHDAY, AND WAS REPORTEDLY TOLD THAT SHE COULD NOT SEE HIM UNTIL THE TRIAL AND SENTENCING, AT WHICH TIME THE COURT WOULD DECIDE.

4. SUNDAY SEMINAR. AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE EUROPEAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO SPONSOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW WITH LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE THROUGH THE SUNDAY SEMINAR. OUR CONTACTS BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THAT ITS DECISION WILL POSE A DILEMMA FOR THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES, SINCE
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REFUSAL TO ISSUE VISAS TO THE CONFEREES OR TO ADMIT THEM AT THE BORDER WOULD CAUSE IT A GREAT DEAL OF EMBARRASSMENT.

5. VICTOR BRAYLOVSKIY, HEAD OF THE SUNDAY SEMINAR, TELLS US THAT AN UNPUBLICIZED MEETING OF THE SOVIET WRITERS UNION TOOK PLACE AT THE END OF DECEMBER. HE BELIEVES THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS TO INCREASE THE ANTI-ZIONIST CAMPAIGN AND SAYS THAT A JUST-COMPLETED ANTI-ZIONIST DISSERTATION ENTITLED "ISRAEL" WAS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING. OTHER RECENT BOOKS BY KNOWN "ANTI-ZIONISTS" GO EVEN FURTHER, IN HIS VIEW, THAN THESE SAME AUTHORS HAVE GONE BEFORE.

6. PETER VINS. ACCORDING TO REFUSENIK SOURCES, PETER VINS, WHO WAS ARRESTED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO COME TO MOSCOW (REF A), HAD AN ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN DAYS DETENTION ADDED TO THE ORIGINAL FIFTEEN DAYS FOR HOOLIGANISM BECAUSE THE MARKS FROM THE BEATING HE RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE HAD NOT YET DISAPPEARED AT END OF ORIGINAL SENTENCE. VINS REPORTEDLY WAS ON A HUNGER STRIKE FOR TWENTY-FIVE DAYS DURING HIS

DETENTION.

7. ANDREY TVERDOKHLEBOV. TVERDOKHLEBOV'S EXILE IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED JANUARY 21. HIS SISTER DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WILL BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO MOSCOW.

8. CRIMEAN TATAR MUSTAPHA DZEMILEV (REF B). OUR MOSCOW SOURCES KNOW OF HIS RELEASE AND SAY THAT HE REPORTEDLY RETURNED TO TASHKENT. THEY HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER ABOUT HIM. WE WILL INQUIRE FURTHER AS OPPORTUNITIES ARISE AND INFORM DEPARTMENT IF WE OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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9. RECEIVING MAIL FROM ABROAD. HELEN SEIDEL, WIFE OF REFUSENIK ARKADIY MAY, TELLS US THAT SHE HAS NO TROUBLE RECEIVING MAIL FROM ABROAD AS LONG AS IT IS REGISTERED. SHE BELIEVES THAT THIS IS BECAUSE SOVIET UNION HAS TO MAKE REFUNDS IN HARD CURRENCY FOR UNDELIVERED REGISTERED LETTERS.

10. AWARD FOR HELSINKI GROUP MEMBERS? ALEKSANDR SLEPAK SAYS HE HAS HEARD A STORY THAT HE, SHCHARANSKIY AND NAUM MEIMAN WILL RECEIVE AN AWARD OF SOME KIND FROM THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 25 OR 26 FOR THEIR WORK ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY IN HELSINKI MONITORING GROUP.

11. ACTION REQUESTED: CAN DEPARTMENT SHED ANY LIGHT ON STORY REPORTED BY SLEPAK (PARA 10)?
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